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NIGHT WORK CONTINUES WITH PILE DRIVING AND SOUNDWALL INSTALLATION

SANTA CRUZ – Work continues with pile driving and soundwall installation, Caltrans officials have announced.

Installation of the stop sign at the northbound Hwy. 1/Morrissey off-ramp is complete.

Soundwall block installation is continuing at soundwall G, H and F located along Hwy 1. at Branciforte.

Pile driving continues near Carbonera Creek. Pile driving is when long steel or concrete posts are forcibly driven through soft ground to reach underlying rock. Loud noise and vibrations can be expected during daytime hours.

Nighttime work will take place near Carbonera Creek, Branciforte and Market Street all next week 8/28 through 8/31. The fast (#1) lane will be closed in both directions during these nightshifts. Expect loud noise during these operations.

Night work hours are **northbound** from 8 pm to 5 am and **southbound** from 9 pm to 5:30 am. Workdays continue to be Monday through Friday from 6 am to 3:30 pm.

The northbound Highway 1 Emeline off-ramp remains permanently closed (for about 18 months). The Market Street undercrossing under Hwy. 1 will be closed until March 2007. Branciforte is the alternate route.

Caltrans reminds motorists to 'Slow for the Cone Zone.'

For more information regarding this project, the public may call the toll-free project/road information hotline with weekly project updates at 888-836-0866 or Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs staff at 831-423-0396 during regular business hours. Or e-mail us at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. The project website will also be regularly updated at <http://www.hwy1-17.caltrans.ca.gov>. For Commute Solutions call (831) 429-POOL or check the website at: www.commutesolutions.org

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